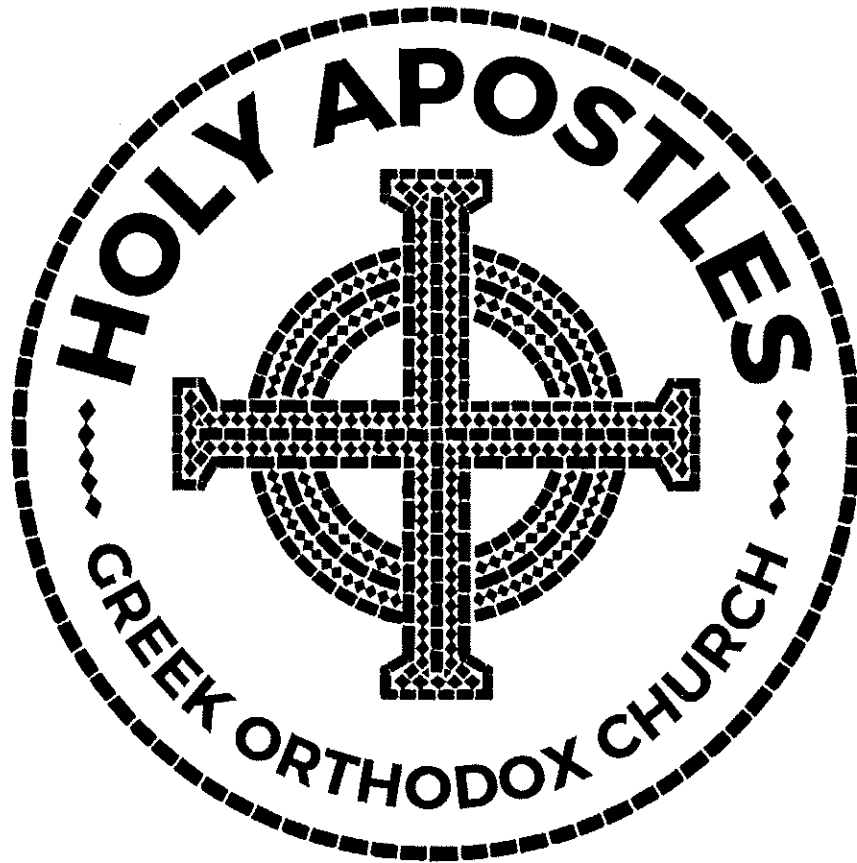




Weekly Bulletin

October 26, 2025

The Sixth Sunday of Luke

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m. Orthros
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Sunday School today following Holy Communion)
Memorials: Mary Jean Angelos, Anastasia & Nicholas Papadakis
40 Day Blessing: Cristina Horotan with daughter, Julia
Fellowship Hour: Hosted by the Papadakis sisters in loving memory of their parents
12:00 p.m. Bears Watch Party Potluck

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Orthros
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
4:30 p.m. Greek School with OXI Day Celebration
7:00 p.m. GOYA
7:30 p.m. League of Chanters Practice

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Parish Family Ministry Meeting

THURSDAY

1:00 p.m. Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Greek School
6:15 p.m. Neolea Dance Troupe

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Orthros
8:30 a.m. Westchester Food Pantry Volunteer Day
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
40 day Blessing: Katherin Wong with son, Matthew
3:00 p.m. Baptism: Chloe, daughter of Thomas & Sarah Skalkos
Sponsor: Alexis Miller
5:00 p.m. Vespers
6:00 p.m. Vespers Potluck Dinner

OCTOBER 26: FEAST DAY OF ST DEMETRIOS

OCTOBER 28: THE HOLY PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS

OCTOBER 29

OCTOBER 30

NOVEMBER 1: FEAST DAY OF STS COSMAS AND DAMIANOS

Epistle Reading – Timothy 2:1-10

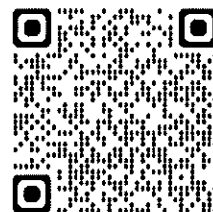
Reader: Ellia Gryfakis

Gospel Reading – Luke 8:26 – 39

Fr George is out of town this weekend to celebrate the wedding of his niece.

Sunday School In Session Today! This week we welcome the Pre-K class to the front row! Thank you for supporting the children in experiencing the Divine Liturgy.

Coffee Hour Hosts/Helpers Needed: Grab your family, friends, and koumbari and sign up together to help with wonderful ministry! Hosting instructions are found with the QR code.



Resurrectional Apolytikion - Mode 3.

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον - ᾠδὴ γ´.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιášθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ᾗδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Efrenestho ta ourania, agalliastho ta epigeia, hoti epoiese kratos en vrachioni autou, ho Kyrios; epatisse to thanato ton thanaton; prototokos ton nekron egeneto; ek koilias hadou errysato hemas, kai paresche to kosmo to mega eleos.

The Epistle – Timothy 2:1-10

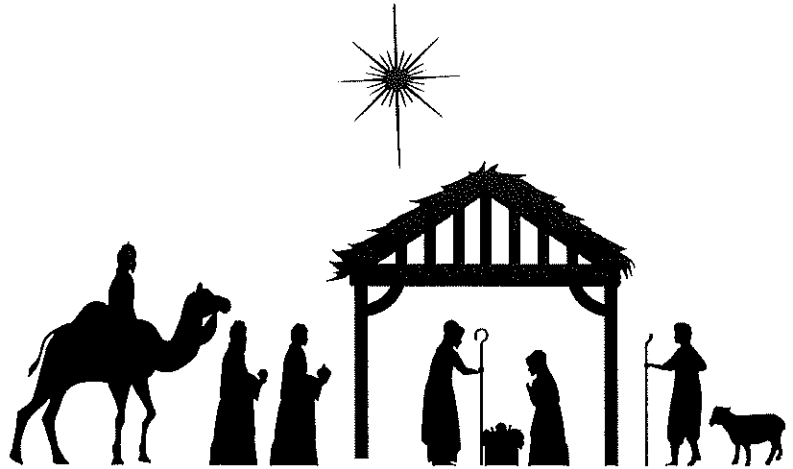
Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

The Gospel – Luke 8:26 – 39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

**Holy Apostles Christmas Pageant:
Sunday, December 14th**

We are pleased to announce that the children of the Holy Apostles will be presenting the annual Christmas Pageant on December 14th. Kindergartners through third graders will play the silent roles of the characters in the Nativity scene. Fourth through eighth grade students will sing traditional Christmas Carols for the program, some serving as narrators. High school students are



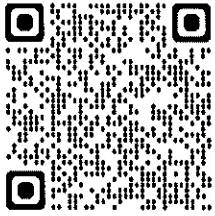
encouraged to sign up to be assistants. High school vocalists and instrumentalists who are interested in joining the musical ensemble please call or text Zoe Tomaras (630-476-0223) or email christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com. Information was mailed to all Sunday School students in October with complete details of rehearsals and forms to register to participate. Non-registered youth are welcome to perform. These forms will also be available at church. The first rehearsal will take place on Sunday, November 2nd. An informational table will be set up in the multipurpose room on Sundays, October 19th and October 26th for registration as well. Please feel free to contact Sandy Pihos, Pageant Director, with any additional questions or more information at christmaspageant@holypostleschurch.com. or call/text 630-640-5811.

Feed the Hungry: On Monday, November 3rd at 10:00 am we will be preparing sack lunches at church in the multipurpose room. We will distribute the lunches the following day on Tuesday, November 4th at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (11:15 am) in Chicago. If you are interested in helping out either day, please contact Anne Theophilos at 630-460-0712.



Fall Coat Drive: Philoptochos will collect gently used, clean coats for men, women, and children throughout the month of October. Please leave the coats on hangers on the racks in the multipurpose room (opposite the kitchen). Coats will be donated to Warm Coats for Cool Kids, located in Elmhurst, Illinois and will serve families in the western suburbs of Chicago; Repeat Boutique, a Christian, non-denominational, all volunteer service ministry providing clothing and practical household goods to those in need; a local nearby school and the Midwest Veterans Homeless Shelter. For further questions, please contact Debbie Chiganos at debbchig@att.net or Laura Pepke at laurapepke@gmail.com

PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation: The Foundation will accept applications from eligible Greek American college students and will distribute \$250,000 in scholarship awards to exceptional undergraduates. Eligible undergraduate students of Hellenic descent from all fifty states are encouraged to apply. If a student applied in a prior year, and are still in college, we encourage them to reapply. Applications should be submitted electronically as instructed by January 31, 2026. For questions or more information, please email scholarships@panhellenicsf.org or call 312-357-6432.



Should I contribute to the Holy Apostles Foundation instead of Stewardship? It is important to understand that the Foundation is NOT a replacement for stewardship. Rather, we ask that all members of the Holy Apostles family consider that Holy Apostles is our home, and our stewardship commitment is our mortgage payment for that home. The Foundation should be thought of as a long term savings plan to ensure that our home is cared for and maintained. The Foundation's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status is pending. For more information about the Foundation, why it was established and a list of donation options, visit the Foundation section of the Holy Apostles website.

Feed My Starving Children: Philoptochos will volunteer in Aurora on Saturday, November 15, from 2-3:45 pm. We will pack specially formulated meals that will be distributed around the world. There are some seated jobs available attaching labels to food bags. If you are interested in helping, please contact Emily Rehn at platovalentine@hotmail.com or 708-369-9365. Meals that were packed in August were sent to Honduras. Families are welcome to help (children 5 and older). This is also a great opportunity to earn service hours.

Fellowship Hour Ministry: The purpose of this ministry is to help facilitate the coffee hours where congregants meet after the Divine Liturgy and visit with their fellow parishioners. This is a commitment to provide worthwhile service to the church and promotes the unity of Holy Apostles and visitors as a family. It is a low-key commitment where you are asked, probably no more than twice a year, providing enough people join, to make coffee for the coffee hour. You will be trained to use the equipment and learn how to clean it up. We have found that what intimidates people the most about hosting a Coffee Hour is making the coffee.

OR

You can volunteer to help set up for our Potluck Coffee Hours and clean up. If a family is hosting and needs additional help, you might be asked to assist. Again, training and instructions will be given, and it is not anticipated that you will be asked to do this often. Both groups will be emailed, and people can choose the dates that fit into their schedules...no one will be assigned. You will not be expected to provide any items to participate unless you volunteer to do so. Please sign up if you are interested. We need your assistance.

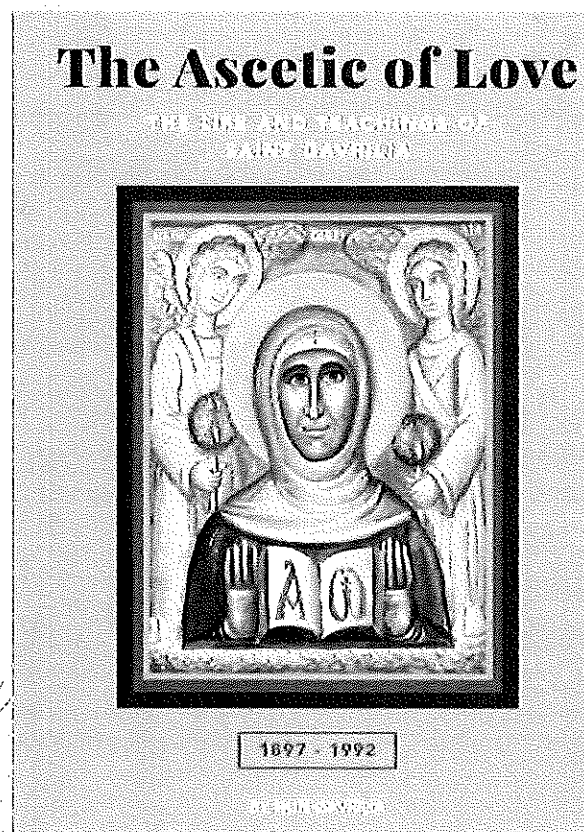
If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please email Sandy Pihos at fellowshiphour@holyapostleschurch.com, call/text her at 630-640-5811, or scan this QR code.



DISCOVERIES IN ORTHODOXY

ALTERNATING
THURSDAYS
7:15 PM-8:30 PM

- **Sept. 25** - Introducing St. Gavrilia & the book, "The Ascetic of Love"
- **Oct. 9** - St. Gavrilia's Life and Teachings, Part 2
- **Oct. 23** - St. Gavrilia's Life and Teachings, Part 3
- **Nov. 6** - Final Reflections on St. Gavrilia and Her Relevance for Our Lives



Online Ellinomatheia Course

Class Level: A1 Ellinomatheia

Ages: 9-13

Day & Time: Wednesdays | 4:00-5:00 PM

Cost: \$375

Class Dates:

November 12, 19

December 3, 17

January 7, 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 18, 25

March 4, 11, 18

April 1, 15, 22, 29

May 6, 13

**For registration or further details email:
gsdirector@holypostleschurch.com**



A detailed black and white line drawing of a pig. The pig is standing on all four legs, facing towards the right side of the frame. It has a large, rounded body, a thick snout with two prominent nostrils, and a small, curled tail. The drawing uses extensive cross-hatching and fine lines to create texture and shading, particularly on the pig's legs and snout. The pig's ears are large and pointed upwards. The overall style is that of a classic woodcut or a detailed pen-and-ink illustration.

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FOOD & DRINKS PROVIDED



Please RSVP by 10/29/25 using the QR Code

FREEWILL DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE EVENT

Paint & Sip

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 7:00 PM
HOLY APOSTLES MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**

\$40 per participant

Bring your own beverages and snacks.

No experience necessary! Join us for fellowship!

Sign up with the link in your weekly email.

Questions?

parishfamily@holyapostleschurch.com

**Choose your project to do with provided supplies and
an instructor from RAD Canvas.**

All projects have multiple stencil options, or can be done freehand.

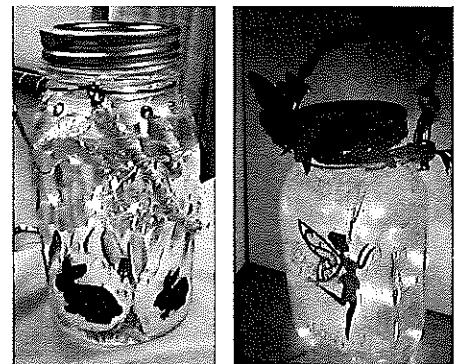
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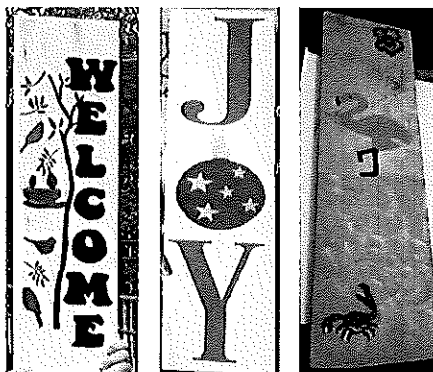
12 Inch Wood Round



Mason Jar



Two Foot Wood Sign



Kids Paint & Peel Canvas



HOLY APOSTLES YAL 2025-2026 EVENTS

OCTOBER

16

7:30 PM
KICK-OFF
@ALTER BREWING,
OAK BROOK

NOVEMBER

20

7:30 PM
FRIENDSGIVING
POTLUCK
@HOLY APOSTLES

DECEMBER

18

7:30 PM
CHRISTMAS PARTY
@HYATT LODGE,
OAK BROOK

JANUARY

20

7:30 PM
BIBLE STUDY
@HOLY APOSTLES

FEBRUARY

19

6:00 PM
LITURGY @HOLY APOSTLES
DINNER @ WOODEN
PADDLE, LAGRANGE

MARCH

31

7:00 PM
PALM FOLDING &
CONFESSION
@HOLY APOSTLES

APRIL

16

7:30 PM
BRIGHT WEEK
DINNER
@FULLER HOUSE,
HINSDALE

MAY

28

7:30 PM
DISCUSSION
@HOLY APOSTLES

JUNE

TBD

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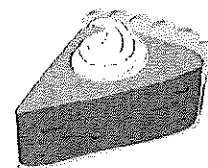


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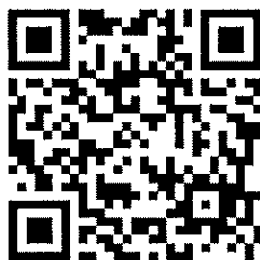
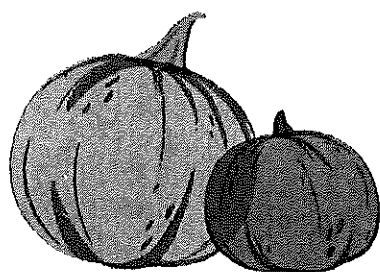
POTLUCK



NOVEMBER 20 • 7:30 PM

at HOLY APOSTLES

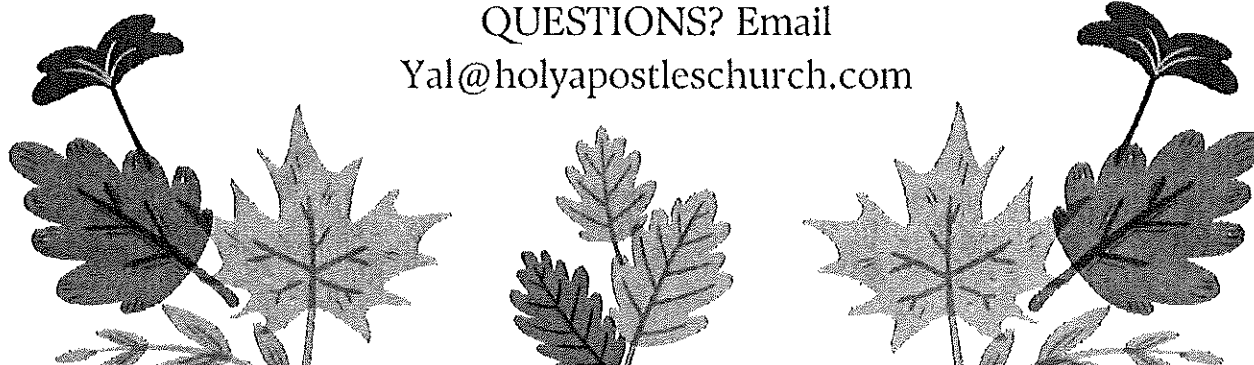
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QUESTIONS? Email
Yal@holyapostleschurch.com



Seniors, please join us at

KOUKLA'S KAFENIO

For: Greek Luncheon & Entertainment

Date: Thursday, November 13th

Time: 12 – 3pm

Place: Holy Apostles Multi-Purpose Room

All Seniors are invited to a lively afternoon of
Greek music, singing and dancing!



We will honor our Veterans for Veterans Day



Please RSVP by Friday, November 7th to Bess Shizas at (708) 703-2732

We will be collecting items for the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans. If you'd like to donate, please bring winter hats, gloves, scarves for men/women.



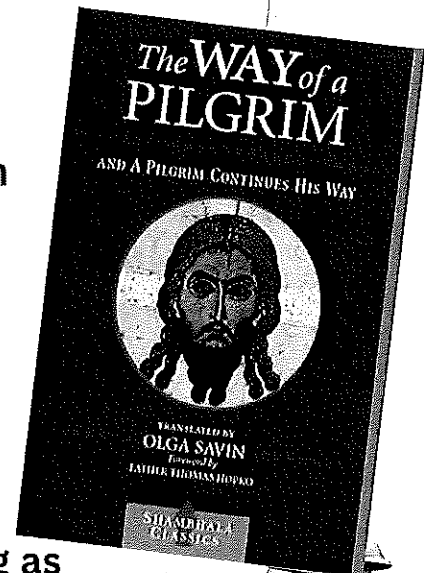
Women's Book Club

Women of all ages are invited to join us on a journey through "The Way of a Pilgrim", as we follow the Pilgrim's path and explore his quest for a life of continual prayer to God.

When: Thursday, December 4, 7:15 pm

Where: Holy Apostles Multi-purpose room

What: "The Way of a Pilgrim and A Pilgrim Continues His Way" (any edition).



BYOM: Bring your own mug as hot drinks will be provided.

Contact Presv. Christa with any questions at

PresChrista@gmail.com



3RD ANNUAL DINNER BENEFITING METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO HCHC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. GEORGE CHIAMPAS

Professor, Feinberg School of
Medicine, Emergency Medicine,
Orthopedic Surgery

The Empress Banquets

ADDISON, IL

Thursday, November 13, 2025

6:00 PM COCKTAILS

7:00 PM DINNER

JOIN US AT OUR 3RD ANNUAL
DINNER TO HELP RAISE FUNDS
FOR THE CHICAGO METROPOLIS
SEMINARIANS ATTENDING
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TICKETS AND TABLES

\$125 INDIVIDUAL | \$1,250 TABLE

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 7, 2025



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

RETREAT SCHEDULE

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|-------------|---|
| 10:00-10:30 | Registration Opens/Breakfast |
| 10:30-11:00 | Introduction to Retreat: Beginning with the End in Mind |
| 11:00-12:30 | Icebreakers and Session 1: How Does God See Me? |
| 12:30-1:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00-2:30 | Session 2: How Do I See Others? |
| 2:30-3:00 | Break and Light Snack |
| 3:00-3:30 | Session 3: What's Your Ministry? |
| 3:30-4:00 | What's Your Ministry? |
| 4:00-5:00 | What's Your Ministry? Workshop |
| 5:00-6:00 | Wrap-up & Service Project |

LOCATION

ST. HARALAMBOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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REGISTER TODAY!



Our Multi-Generational Retreat is designed for Orthodox faithful 12 years & older.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Peter Savas
psavas@theoym.org

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O Monoyenis Yios – Hymn of Justinian

Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal.
You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the
Holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, and without change became man.
Christ our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death.
Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit.
Save Us.

Apostoli Agii

Anastassiou

Voice

Ho -o- ly A -po- stles In -ter- cede- With the Mer -

A - po - sto - li a - yi - i pre - sve - sa - te to e - le - i - mo -

ci -ful God. That for - all -our - faults He may grant For-give-ness To our souls

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Sermon Notes

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